

## Army Mounts Outclass Field At Horse Show

Fort Riley Cavalry School Scores Clean-Cut Victories Over Private Stables at Annual National Exhibit

Setting Is Picturesque Military Champions Character and Form Unequaled in American Show Ring

A few years ago horse show followers ignored the army entries in all shows. Army horses were dubbed "mules," and a cavalry officer who won a fourth ribbon against a class of civilian stable entries received an ovation on leaving the ring. At the opening of the thirty-seventh annual National Horse Show at Squadron A Army yesterday the army mounts scored clean-cut victories against all comers and displayed character and form that have been unequalled in any American show ring in many years.

The remarkable development of the army horse was the outstanding feature of yesterday's show. Experienced horsemen and breeders declared the improvement of the army horse sensational. The result was attributed to the personal selection and careful training by individual cavalry schools at the various army training schools. In the opening class of the day two horses from the cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kansas, defeated the champions of all the earlier shows of the year.

Miss Becky Lanier's champion Silver Crest and prominent jumpers such as Jumbo, Down East, Bolling, Melchester, Moonshine and others from private stables, after making clean performances, were outclassed by Moses and Haven, two Fort Riley entries.

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Although the box seats have been raised this year so as to afford an unobstructed view of the show, many members of the society witnessed the show from the promenades built along the ring. Debuts carried trays of flowers and candy through the show ring. The show was a success in every way. The army mounts were more popular. Unlike other sports where old-timers insist that the brightest horses always existed in memories and by gone years, all the horses shown at the armory yesterday championed the present show as being the greatest of all.

Judge William H. Moore, whose coaching equipment was always a fine national feature, was unable to attend yesterday's show because of illness and his friends said last night that it is likely he will be forced to remain away from the show for some time in many years. Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, another prominent horseman, visited the show in the afternoon and sat in the judges box in the center of the ring. Mr. Vanderbilt left around 4 o'clock, and arranged to give a luncheon on the porch of Mount Vernon for the Hackney Society on Wednesday afternoon.

New Yorkers were shown that United States cavalry troops can do in the way of hair-raising stunts when a special exhibition was given by twenty army men from Fort Myer. They entered the ring in file formation, standing on their hind legs, and their work was a sensational exhibition of human and equine skill. The troopers dashed across the ring, riding at each other, and their horses, and their bodies, coming from behind, picked them from the ground while riding at full speed.

The cavalrymen picked handkerchiefs from the ground, rode the white wings of the jumps and did tricks that never were equaled for daring in a New York horse ring. One trooper, while going blindfolded, fell over his horse's head and caught both hands around the horse's neck and, while in front of the flying animal, after a two-minute battle he climbed back into his saddle and was given a thundering ovation.

Tulsa, Okla., and Ventura, Calif., battled for more than half an hour in the midst of ovations that never were equaled in even the old Garden when F. W. Mathiasen's Sinsbad ridden by Quinn Davis, fought with the California champion, ridden by Dr. Holman, for a \$1,500 special prize in a five-gate event. A five-gate class is an innovation at Eastern horse shows. Horses are shown under every conceivable movement of location possible. The fox trot was the favorite ride with the spectators and both the California and the Sinsbad made a decision. Each owner contributed \$500 to the purse and the Association contributed an additional \$500.

Miss Becky Lanier Wins  
Miss Becky Lanier, obviously the favorite exhibitor of the show, was unable to put over a winner because of the performance of the army entries until the final class, when she secured second and third ribbons. John McKeen won this class with his Dan-

The novice ponies brought out a number of young riders, with Miss Sally Lanier, the younger sister to Miss Becky Lanier, riding Miss Clara S. Peck's Midnight Frolic. Young Grover McLane of Fernbrook Farm's Drumfire brought forth considerable applause through an exceptional exhibition. The novice saddle class last night for horses over 12.2 brought out a number of champions of the earlier shows. Amber Crest, owned by Mr. Mortimer B. Fuller, won over a field of twenty-

four. Lampton and Shropshire's Sporty McGee finished second over Mr. O. W. Lehmann's Exciter, which finished third.

Moses Wins Blue Ribbon

The first blue ribbon of the show was won by Moses, a big chestnut gelding, cob built, owned by the Cavalry School at Fort Riley. In a class of sixty jumpers, which included nearly all the champions of the previous shows, Moses, ridden by Major Barrill, a well-known rider in national show rings, showed up as one of the cleverest jumpers ever put forward by any military unit. Fort Riley won second place in this class with the black gelding, Haven.

Moses was purchased from the French government in 1919 and has competed in the games at the Pershing Stadium. In 1920 he was shipped back to France to compete in the Olympic games. Last year at the national Moses won the Moore Military Cup. Fort Riley had ten entries in the opening jump class and the exceptional performance by these army horses against some of the best trained horses of civilian stables proved a sensation.

The second class of the day developed into an East against West contest. Mr. O. W. Lehmann's Personality, champion saddle pony of last year's show, won in a field of twenty-five novice saddle horses. Personality's character and change of pace from trot, canter and walk were perfect. Mr. Robert E. Moreland's Jannette Velle was second in this class and Miss Clara Peck's Moon Glow, ridden by Hugh Willoughby, who kept the mare keyed to an alert performance, finished third.

Copper King Is Victor  
The decision of the judges in the heavyweight saddle class was in keeping with the results of the summer show when Mr. George Crouche's Copper King, a six-year-old chestnut gelding, won the blue. Miss Clara S. Peck's Winona, which has been a consistent winner all year, surprised the talent by finishing outside the ribbons. On Thursday night Copper King will meet the Brooklyn champion, Mr. Mortimer B. Fuller's Amber Crest, and Mr. John B. Bermingham's Midland Pal, champion at the Babylon and Huntington shows.

The novice harness classes, always favorite events with the society spectators, brought out Mr. A. W. Atkinson's recent importation, Glenmore Trixie, a chestnut mare, six years old, who won the single harness event over Mr. H. E. Niese Jr.'s Marlboro Sunshine, one of the best horses put forward by the Morrisville team in several seasons. In the novice pairs class Glenmore Trixie, with another chestnut mare, Ahame, finished second to John Moore's pair, Seaton Stranger and Zamora.

The closing class of the afternoon session brought out a remarkable array of cavalry officers in uniform. Four of the best horses in the ring, and Moses, the winner of the opening class, was outclassed here by the Cavalry School's black gelding, Haven. Haven made a clean performance over Mr. H. E. Niese Jr.'s Marlboro Sunshine, one of the best horses put forward by the Morrisville team in several seasons. In the novice pairs class Glenmore Trixie, with another chestnut mare, Ahame, finished second to John Moore's pair, Seaton Stranger and Zamora.

The winners yesterday were as follows:

Class 153 (seventy-one jumpers, performance only to count). Following the judging of the horses entered in this class, and placing of horses in light classes to hold during the show, the Cavalry School's chestnut gelding, Haven, won the blue ribbon. Moses, the winner of the opening class, was outclassed here by the Cavalry School's black gelding, Haven. Haven made a clean performance over Mr. H. E. Niese Jr.'s Marlboro Sunshine, one of the best horses put forward by the Morrisville team in several seasons. In the novice pairs class Glenmore Trixie, with another chestnut mare, Ahame, finished second to John Moore's pair, Seaton Stranger and Zamora.

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